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Remarks

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claim 1 has been amended and claims 13-31 have been withdrawn in response to the restriction requirements.

Applicants point out that the amendment to claim 1 was not made to overcome a rejection, but rather, was made to broaden the scope of claim 1. The amendment was not made for a reason of patentability, and, therefore, Applicants believe that at least for this reason, claim 1 is not subject to the complete bar against the use of the Doctrine of Equivalents.

Restriction Requirement

The Office action provides three restriction requirements. Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the characterizations of the claims, to further prosecution of the present Application, in response this restriction requirement Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-12, without traverse. Accordingly, Applicants withdraw claims 13-31.

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If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities which can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at (480) 552-0624 is respectfully solicited.

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